

<p align="center"><b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b></p>	<i>Application Number</i>	New Application
	<i>Filing Date</i>	January 24, 2002
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	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	Unassigned
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	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	1670-233
<p><i>Title of the Invention:</i>      Formulation of Tc and Re Carbonyl Complexes using Stannous Ion as the Reductant for Pertechnetate and Perrhenate</p>		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title of the invention and the section entitled "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE RELATED APPLICATIONS

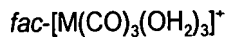
This application is a divisional of pending U.S. Patent application No. 09/576,960, filed May 24, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17.

Please amend claims 18 and 27 as indicated below.

18. (Amended) A kit for carrying out a method of preparing a compound of formula



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wherein M is Mn, <sup>99m</sup>Tc, <sup>186</sup>Re or <sup>188</sup>Re,

in which a metal in permetallate form is reacted with carbon monoxide and a reducing agent, wherein said reducing agent comprises stannous ion, said kit comprising a lyophilized formulation including stannous ion, wherein said stannous ion may be in the form of a discrete molecule comprising said stannous ion plus an anion, said mixture being sealed in a container having a headspace comprising carbon monoxide.

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